

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 655

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lieutenant Jeff Bowman
of the Chattanooga Fire Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of service to others through service as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, these individuals daily face the rigors of corporal imperilment in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Jeff Bowman of Chattanooga was one such outstanding public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his tragic and untimely death on March 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Bowman served astutely with the Chattanooga Volunteer Fire Department for ten years, during which time he earned the respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters and the adoration of a grateful public for his unsurpassed dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the three fire calls he selflessly made in the day preceding his death stand as testaments to his commitment to helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, a United States Navy veteran, Lt. Bowman was also well-known locally; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected in his position as firefighter, Jeff Bowman's friends and fellow firefighters also knew him to be a deeply devoted father and husband; he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Bowman enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife and two sons, and is further survived by his brother, Don, a fellow Chattanooga firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Bowman leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lieutenant Jeff Bowman of the Chattanooga Fire Department, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a firefighter and human being and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Lieutenant Bowman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.